

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION  
(37 CFR 1.63)**

As a below inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (or an original, first and joint) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**EXPANSION JOINT FOR STRUCTURAL SLABS**

the specification of which

- is attached hereto  
 was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application Number \_\_\_\_\_ (or  
PCT International Application Number \_\_\_\_\_ ) and was amended on  
(if applicable).

I hereby authorize and request my attorney to insert the application number and filing date, when known, into the assignment executed by me for this invention.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| Prior Application Number(s) | Foreign Country | Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | Priority Claimed ? | Certified Copy Attached? |
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of United States provisional application(s) listed below.

| Application Number(s) | Day/Month/Year Filed | Additional Provisional Application Numbers Listed on Supplemental Priority Data Sheet Attached |
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| 60/457,370            | 26 March 2003        | No   |

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States, § 120 of any United States application(s) or any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, of Federal Regulations Code, § 1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

| U.S. Parent Application or PCT Parent Number | Parent Filing Date Day/Month/Year Filed | Parent Patent Number (if applicable) |
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**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the Attorneys associated with Customer No. 027885, to prosecute the application identified above, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both

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under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Michael George Elias et al.  
FOR : EXPANSION JOINT FOR STRUCTURAL  
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**37 C.F.R. 1.27**  
**STATEMENT OF STATUS AS A**  
**SMALL BUSINESS ENTITY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The undersigned affirms:

That he is an officer of the assignee, Striker Technologies LLC, and is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee;

That the above listed assignee qualifies as a small business concern as defined in § 1.9(d), in that the above listed assignee, together with all of its affiliates combined had fewer than five hundred (500) employees including full-time, part-time, and temporary employees on the average during each pay period of the previous fiscal year of the assignee and its affiliates; and,

That the exclusive rights to the invention have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern or, if the rights are not exclusive, that all other rights belong to small entities as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and that the assignee has not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(e).

The undersigned acknowledges a duty to file, in this application or patents issuing thereon, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time or paying, the earliest

of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate.

The undersigned further declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful and false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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